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- 1. PRESS AUG 16 REPORTS PRESIDENT STEVENS SENT MESSAGE PREVIIOUS DAY TO ROK PRES PARK, CONGRATULATING ROK ON NATIONAL DAY AND REGRETTING QTE SHAMEFUL ATTACK UNQTE ON PARK AND INJURIES TO MRS. PARK.
- 2. SEPARATE PRESS ITEM SAME DAY REPORTS NORTH KOREAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAN CHUNG RAK, HEADING SIX MAN MISSION WHICH IN FREETOWN FOR PURPOSE ESTABLISHING NK EMBASSY, PRESENTED LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION TO MINISTER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ACCORDING MIN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TWO OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING RAK GAVE THEIR NAMES JANG CHUNG CHON AND LI SANG IL AND THEIR RANK AS SECOND SECRETARIES.
- 3. COMMENT: WHILE SIERRA LEONE EXTENDED RECOGNITIONTO DPRK IN OCTOBER 1971 AND NK AMBASSADOR CONAKRY HAS BEEN ACCREDITED TO SIERRA LEONE SINCE SEPT 1973, THIS WILL BE FIRST RESIDENT DPRK REPRESENTATION IN FREETOWN. CURRENT SIERRA LEONE DIPLOMATIC LIST ALSO SHOWS ROK REPRESENTATIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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